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Placements News

Placements finalised as at 26 May 2021

Rev Ian Dow as Presbytery Minister – Presbytery of Southern SA from 1 April 2021

Rev Ian Hunter to Noarlunga UC (2nd Placement) from 14 June 2021

Rev Richard Telfer (Exit) to Rosefield UC from 7 June 2021

Rev Denise Champion (Deacon) (0.4) as Aboriginal Theologian in Residence within the faculty of UCLT

Rev Wendy Prior (0.6) as Chaplaincy and Supervision Manager from 1 April 2021

Rev Andy Hogarth as 0.4FTE Leadership Pipeline Director - Generate from 1 June 2021

Advertised placements

Wimala Presbytery Regional Coordinator 3 x 0.2FTE - Expressions of interest to wimala.chair@sa.uca.org.au

Vacant placements

The following is the list of vacant (or soon to be vacant) approved placements:

PROFILES AVAILABLE

Generate Presbytery

Kangaroo Island Linked Congregations (0.7)

Port Augusta UC (0.8)

Presbytery of Southern SA

Adare UC

Willunga UC (0.4)

Wimala Presbytery

Kadina Wallaroo UC

Scots UC (Community Connections & Development) (0.4-0.6)

Western Link (0.5) from a date to be advised

Linked Congregations in Multiple Presbyteries

Southern Yorke Peninsula (0.5-0.6)

PROFILES NOT YET AVAILABLE

Generate Presbytery

County Jervois

Wimala Presbytery

Berri UC / Barmera UC from June 2021

Croydon Park UC (0.3)

Grange UC (0.5) from June 2021

Lefevre UC (0.7)

Modbury UC (0.5)

Port Augusta UAICC

Semaphore UC from 16 June 2021

Presbytery of Southern SA

Glengowrie UC (0.5)

Linked Congregations in Multiple Presbyteries

Ardrossan Parish (0.6) - Ardrossan UC, Clinton Centre UC,

Dowlingville UC, Price UC

For more information about placements, please visit sa.uca.org.au

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Connecting with those around us

The other day I was asked the question, 'As Moderator, what are you optimistic about for our Uniting Church?' My initial response was 'that we will continue to find new and meaningful ways to connect with those around us.'

Connecting with those around us includes engaging with and forming relationships with people who we do not currently have connections with. It comes out of the great commandment recorded in Mark 12 where we are instructed by Jesus to love God and love our neighbour. It is out of our love for God that we seek to engage with all humanity, expressing love, care and compassion for all. This applies not just to those who look and think like us, but to people whose thoughts and actions are different from ours, and even people who might disagree with us!

One of the things I have always valued about our Uniting Church is its diversity in its composition and its connections. As a church we have been prepared to move out of our comfort zone and make connections that matter. For example, we have chosen to form a covenantal relationship with the First Peoples of this nation so that all may see a destiny together, praying and working together for a fuller expression of our reconciliation in Jesus Christ.

As a denomination we seek to embrace God's whole creation. With Jesus as our example we welcome outcasts and sinners – the marginalised and the lost, while recognising that we ourselves are outcasts, sinners, marginalised and lost. Making connections with people from whom we differ can be difficult, but with God's power and Jesus as our guide, small steps can lead to significant connections.

Within the Uniting Church, I see our various understandings and interpretations on matters of faith as a strength. I believe that when we can be church together and value our differences we can truly be the people God intended us to be. As we seek other people to relate to it would be rather boring if we all thought the same. I know as I was growing up and developing my own faith, I feel I grew most when in discussion with friends and colleagues who didn't necessarily agree with me. I learned something from them, as I hope we learned from each other!

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It is out of our love for God that we seek to engage with all humanity, expressing love, care and compassion for all.



In making connections we look for what draws us together, rather than focussing on what keeps us apart.

As Moderator, as I visit places and listen to people's stories, I am encouraged by the ways in which individuals and groups reach out and engage with others. Some of the stories that were shared at the President's Conference in May, *Called by God 2*, were inspirational examples of people connecting with those around them as they live out their faith in their everyday lives. A recent visit to Port Augusta, and hearing how the local Congress is reaching out to the young people of the town reminded me again of the importance of connections as we care for each other.

This is what we are called to do – engage with those around us, and welcome those around engaging with us. In this way we learn and grow together, as Christ's disciples, in love.

Blessings,

Bronte Wilson

From the Editor

In the just over ten months I have been with the Synod office as Executive Officer Engagement I have learned much about the Uniting Church. None more so, than when we set about compiling this particular issue of *New Times*.

When we thought about the theme 'Engage with us' we didn't realise we would be inundated with articles, photographs and other items of interest which showcase the breadth and depth of the Uniting Church and its activities across South Australia.

Please don't misunderstand me – as an editor, having an abundance of material to work with is certainly a great position to be in, rather than the opposite!

I have so enjoyed reading about the ways in which the church embraces its diversity, whether intergenerational activities, key celebrations, acknowledgement of milestones, its history, looking to the future, covenanting, multicultural, creation care and so the list goes on.

Whilst *New Times* is usually made up of 24 pages, this issue just kept growing and growing and we decided that it was important to include as many articles as possible – so it is now 36 pages, and thanks go to all contributors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Win Kamaputri for her over six years of service at the Synod office as Graphic and Digital Designer. Win has brought her significant gifts and talents to the majority of design work that the Engagement Ministry Centre (previously known as Communications) has produced. Win has accepted a new role with Pedare Christian College and we wish her every success for the future.

I would like to acknowledge Nadia Moretti, our new graphic designer who has embraced the challenges of bringing *New Times* together – and we hope you enjoy this bumper mid-year issue!



Bridget Ransome



What are you and God talking at the moment?



One of the great joys about the role of the General Secretary is that you receive invitations to engage in conversations. You are indeed contracted to participate across the church, encouraging people to verbalise where God is active and present in their journeys.

Each Sunday I am worshipping in a different congregation, hearing the local stories of faith, of ministry and engagement. I am looking forward to my next tour of rural and remote congregations planned for September through to November this year. It is exciting to be part of Presbytery gatherings, meetings, conferences and workshops, all seeking to rejuvenate and resource the church through congregations and other ministries bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

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As we collectively listen to what God might be saying to us, our questions invite us into God's future, restoring relationships, alerting us to possibility, nurturing our gifts, forming us for ministry and mission. Its invitational and creative, it is collaborative and costly and in most cases, it is urgent.

Past months have been filled with exciting conversations of emerging opportunities (and significant challenges) as the Uniting Church here in South Australia seeks to engage through its vision to be an innovative growing church. I commend to all parts of the Synod the *Shaping the Future* - strategic priorities. Resourcing meetings that see people taking up the opportunity to discern how God might engage them in growing disciples, equipping us to more effectively be in covenant relationship with First Peoples, nurturing advocates for sustainability and the future of the planet and responding to the needs of our communities has been very encouraging.

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There are emerging opportunities to continue our discernment. Following the April meeting of Synod Standing Committee the Strategy and Planning (Mission and Property) Working Group has formed and held its first meeting. It is charged with the task of developing a process, that will, in conversation with presbyteries and congregations, assist the Synod to identify property that is missionally strategic. This work is a significant outcome of the property report, *God's Church and its Buildings – Are they fit for Mission?*

In the coming weeks we will also launch the Synod Expo 2021 Program. Rather than having a second Synod meeting this year, the plan is to engage the church through a series of expo days facilitated by the Mission Resourcing Team and their friends. There will be urban and rural events from September through to November and I look forward to sharing with you as we discern God's activity through the Church here in South Australia.

Rev Felicity Amery

Synod Resourcing Expo – coming to a place near you!



Chasing the wind of the Spirit

Is the church a dynamic community of congregations and are we excited about being part of God's work within and around us? Are we seeking to play a part in the mission of God already active in our local communities?

During recent consultations for the Synod's Strategic Plan, the consultation group was continually reminded that congregations missed the Synod Resourcing Days and the opportunities these provided to consider some of the bigger questions facing the church. In listening to what was said, it was decided at the February Synod meeting to hold a series of Resourcing Expo events throughout the state from September through to early November this year.

These 'expo' events are being designed to be engaging, enabling and will act as a catalyst for the church. It will include speakers both from within and beyond the church in

South Australia and a host of workshops and information that will help us all to take another step in pursuing God's plans for the church. In the regional areas, we will also take time to learn more from each other, sharing stories of challenge and hope.

The theme of 'Chasing the wind of the Spirit', speaks to God's activity already occurring around us and the Spirit calling us to follow to where God's mission is taking the church; making disciples to be part of God's mission in congregations and through connections with local communities. To quote Paul Dearborn, 'It's not the church of God that has a mission, it is the God of Mission who has a church.'

The Synod is planning six events commencing on September 18th with an Expo at Adelaide West Uniting Church before travelling to five regional areas in October and early November.

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The church was never supposed to be just for Sundays, it is a pursuit of a higher purpose that connects with our world, an opportunity to identify and partner in God's mission locally.

23
OCT

Murray Bridge

30
OCT

Robe
(Tarooki Campsite)

6
NOV

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It is imagined that these events will take on a 'fair-like atmosphere' warmly welcoming everyone. Food vendors and community groups are encouraged to participate with stalls during the breaks. These free events are open to church groups and individuals who may or may not be regularly involved in church. We aim to connect people while at the same time resourcing them in areas of interest and passion.

This is a milestone event for our Synod. It is not just another conference or meeting. It is an opportunity not to be missed. The church was never supposed to be just for Sundays, it is a pursuit of a higher purpose that connects with our world, an opportunity to identify and partner in God's mission locally.

God's mission is exciting and will take us to places that we never imagined.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mission Resourcing Team





A glimpse of how the past, present and future can come together to celebrate all.

This photograph represents a moment in time where the coming together of a group of Indigenous leaders; a community group: Random Acts of Welcome; international students from Flinders University and a church congregation (Eden Hills Uniting Church); celebrated, interacted and exchanged values and wisdom, in order to form new community, new awareness of the other.

Engaging

with our new UCA
Strategic Plan

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Jesus calls us as his hands and feet to take an active role in healing country by protecting and restoring God's beautiful earth ...

Will the new strategic priorities engage members of the Uniting Church in South Australia? Especially to become involved in an inclusive future and on an intergenerational and multicultural basis, and in a world where we also recognise the imminent danger of an unsustainable future?

The following examines one of the 'Shaping the Future' priorities through an Indigenous perspective.

The words of Brooke Prentis (who often uses this message as part of her Welcome to Country) are relevant:

'Country is all lands, waters, sky, trees, plants, animals, birds, fish, rocks, mountains, and all peoples. Country is all of God's wondrous creation. It is a sense of identity, belonging, groundedness and home. We live on wounded, blood-stained country. Jesus understands, having shared our suffering and pain. Jesus provides hope for country to be healed, restored, loved and set free. Jesus calls us as his hands and feet to take an active role in healing country by protecting and restoring God's beautiful earth ...'

This issues an invitation to all to regard the oneness and uniqueness of everything created, a prompt to recall the past and present injustices in the lives of Indigenous folk; urging all to be present and intentional in our work towards healing, protecting, restoring and celebrating our potential in Christ.

We can note with joy that the Uniting Church (assembly, synod, presbytery and congregations) have been committed to this work for a number of years. This work can be framed as three pillars, to indicate a unique space for the Uniting Church in Australia.

The first pillar: **Covenanting, Congress and the promises of the Uniting Church**

'In 1988 you invited us non-Aboriginal members of this church to enter a covenant with the members of the Congress. We seek to journey together in the true spirit of Christ ... It is our desire to work in solidarity with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress for the advancement of God's kingdom of justice and righteousness in this land, and we reaffirm the commitment made at the 1985 Assembly to do so.'

In South Australia, this work is currently deepened by the cooperation with Congress, the appointment of Indigenous staff; the Covenanting committee and now the exciting news of the appointment of Rev Dr Denise Champion as Theologian in Residence at the Uniting College.

A second pillar: **The Uniting Church is a multi-cultural church** is another important tenet of celebrating the way God commissions care of the stranger and to ensure safe passage to strangers in our midst, as found in the 1985 statement made by Assembly, and embraced with great momentum by many in the UCA since then.

Our Diverse Church: In 1985 the Uniting Church in Australia declared itself to be a 'multicultural church' and noted: 'The Uniting Church seeks to live as a community that includes and celebrates the rich diversity of God's created peoples living out the Gospel call transcending cultural and other barriers.'

The third pillar: **Creation is our core business** (the vision statement of the Uniting Church in South Australia, Environmental Action Group (EAG) reflects the way the church is committed to live with a strong sense of custodianship towards the earth. This type of commitment is often seen on church websites; many years of excellent academic leadership and papers to promote a healthy earth; the regular focus in 'Seasons of creation' worship-services; and alongside many proposals to enhance and protect the future of our creation.

It is intriguing that three pillars do not appear to be employed as important markers. Conversations with Indigenous peoples; new arrivals (refugees and migrants); and those working towards a hopeful future for the earth, indicate that the new strategic plan does not inform or honour the work already done. Neither does this invite us to commit towards true, inclusive and representative positions to address injustice; separatism, mono-cultural silos in cross-cultural ways towards a just restoration.

While it is important to create space for any congregation to meet based on language and culture, it is also important to create a sense of future, building opportunities towards a shared leadership on a cross-cultural basis, to continue the work of the Uniting Church as relevant, revolutionary and remarkable?

Liellie McLaughlin,
Community Connections

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A Christian Voice for Refugees: End Eight Years of Indefinite Detention

by Trevor Jones

I remember well when, almost 8 years ago, the Australian Government announced that asylum seekers coming by boat to Australia would be sent off-shore and never be settled in Australia.

They were taken despite having committed no crime. Many continue to be held, indefinitely, possibly to the end of their earthly life. For thirteen that has been the case, with death in detention by medical neglect, suicide, and murder.

The Australian parliament has recently changed our laws to allow indefinite detention without any charge to continue. It is a law that does not apply to 'us,' but to 'them.'

After eight years over 1,000 are still waiting for settlement – enduring and despairing. About 240 remain off-shore in harsh conditions, 70 are in oppressive locked detention in Australia, 500 in community detention, and 500 on a 6 month 'departure visa' with nowhere to go.

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians states:

'Australian-held (locked) detention is harmful to the physical and mental health of people of all ages in the short and long term.'

I have become friends with several and have seen the harm unfold year by year.

God calls us to treat the foreigner as one of us, not with different laws, and in fact to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Drawing on the 2004 statement of Lord Nicholls in the UK House of Lords, I believe that indefinite detention without charge or trial should be anathema to anyone who looks to Jesus.

In Adelaide on Sunday July 18th, we will mark eight years of off-shore indefinite detention. It is planned to meet at Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, with a walk and speeches. Please join us - to oppose indefinite detention and call for a home for those still waiting. More details closer to the date will appear in UC-enews.

Trevor Jones is a member of Coromandel Valley Uniting Church and part of the refugee advocacy group Adelaide Vigil for Manus and Nauru.



“ God calls us to treat the foreigner as one of us, not with different laws, and in fact to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Engaging in God's hospitality through welcoming the stranger

by Rev Paul Turley

We all know that hospitality is in the DNA of our faith as Christians. Our energy to be radically welcoming comes, of course, from the unreserved, generous welcome of God that we experience every day of our lives.

It is why so many of us in the Uniting Church are committed to working with — and calling our nation to be generous toward refugee and asylum seekers (that and the fact that our sacred texts call us directly to do so! See, among many examples, Deuteronomy 24:17-18, Isaiah 1:17, James 1:27).

Here in South Australia, our Uniting Church members do their work through organisations like, Welcome to Australia, Circle of Friends, SA Justice for Refugees and others. In the last few years, through the growing Community Connections Network in South Australia we have seen Random Acts of Welcome lunches welcome people from across the community to eat and talk together. We have seen deep conversations about faith and no faith in regular multi-faith gatherings and many of us have attended or organised fundraising dinners and events for local Circle of Friends circles.

This year, during Refugee Week (20th-26th June)
how will you, your faith community, your congregation come together to welcome the stranger, as we are so called to do?

The Refugee Events page on the Synod website offers all kinds of resources. **Check it out!**

sa.uca.org.au/justice-advocacy/refugees-and-asylum-seekers/refugee-events





Newland Memorial Church celebrates

175 YEARS

of Ministry and Service

by Wayne Colebatch

175 years ago, the then Tabernacle Church in Encounter Bay was opened for worship, over 5 years later the Rev Ridgway Newland arrived in the area from England. He became a significant figure in local history and was the first chair of the Victor Harbor Council.

The Newland Memorial Uniting Church (then Congregational) history began in 1839 when Newland settled at Encounter Bay, a then small whaling settlement (or Yilki, as it was known to the Indigenous population). In 1846, a small chapel was built in Tabernacle Road, Encounter Bay.

Due to the rapid development in Victor Harbor at that time, a new church was opened on Victoria Street in 1869 and with greater expansion in the 1920s, the present adjacent church with increased seating capacity was opened in 1927. This present-day iconic church with its

unique and renowned crescent shaped architecture has an outstanding acoustic and a fine pipe organ.

On 18th April 2021 the 175th anniversary celebration commenced with a brief service at the original Tabernacle Road site involving a 'smoking' ceremony by local Cedric Varcoe, a representative of the Ramindjeri/Ngarrindjeri nations, acknowledging and respecting the original inhabitants of this land.

The Thanksgiving service that followed at the present Newland Memorial Church



was well attended and conducted by Rev Dr Adrian Brown and Rev Sue Ellis. Greetings were brought from the visiting National President of the Uniting Church Dr Deidre Palmer, the State Moderator Bronte Wilson with contributions from Rev Anne Butler (Port Elliot) and local congregation members Geoffrey Penhall, Graham Carter and Kaye Doig. Representatives from the Victor Harbor Council were present along with many visiting invited guests.

A celebratory lunch followed at the Crown Hotel.

Photos provided by Geoffrey and Mary Bishop

Top: Moderator Bronte Wilson, Dr Deidre Palmer, Rev Sue Ellis, Rev Dr Adrian Brown and Geoffrey Penhall Newland Memorial Uniting Church

Bottom: Cedric Varcoe



Emergency Relief Centre – Welcomes All

by Jan Oliver, Coordinator UnitingCare North Adelaide

Brougham Place Uniting Church is a community of hope that stands for justice and truth, equality and compassion, grace and love, with a mission led by the Spirit to reach out and make known the love of God.

The UnitingCare North Adelaide Emergency Relief Centre was established in September 2020, as a response to the need for more sites to distribute some form of food relief during the pandemic.

Initially, there was a high percentage of international students and back-packers that needed support, but now the centre welcomes more people who are homeless, in temporary accommodation, as well as families and individuals from diverse backgrounds that may be struggling to make ends meet, particularly when support like Job-Keeper is no longer available.

The centre has a great team of volunteers, and recently welcomed a small group of university students, including international students, who are keen to be involved in giving to the community – an unexpected bonus being the ability to have interpreters to help with some of their guests. Special relationships have been developed with many regular guests visiting the centre, and the rostered Covid-Marshall keeps the flow going, which is always a challenge when the 'regulars' want to spend more time chatting with volunteers!

The feedback from participants is that they appreciate the relaxed and welcoming environment and that they are able to choose their food items. They also do not need to provide any referrals or make a booking to attend.

UnitingCare North Adelaide welcomes friends and strangers each week through their doors, as God continues to surprise, enrich and renew, with new friends and those to come.

For more information: phone Jan on 0420 692 667 or email ucna@bpuc.org

Bringing Death to Life through meaningful Conversation

Life and death are deeply woven into the Gospel story. However, we sometimes struggle to consider the place of death in life and have limited opportunities for meaningful conversations about this.

The Walkerville Uniting Church has recently created a space where conversations about life and death can take place through its Ageing Well Matters program. Over the past three years they have hosted several Death Cafés that have attracted people from all ages and walks of life who have had the opportunity to share openly about death in a positive way.

These conversations are enhanced with helpful facilitation and great hospitality. A pop-up café, with top-shelf coffee and home-made food provide the perfect environment for participants to enter as strangers but leave as friends.

Plans are now underway to connect with the national 'Dying to Know Day' on 8th August 2021, in partnership with the Walkerville Town Council.

thegroundswellproject.com/dying-to-know-day



Love in action in times of crisis – A Food Project for Asylum Seekers

by Catherine Russell

The genesis of this project came in February 2020 at the start of COVID-19 in Australia. David Winderlich from Hope's Café rang and pointed out that as businesses were forced to close due to COVID, so asylum seekers would lose their jobs and were ineligible for Centrelink. Many of this cohort had held full-time jobs, run businesses and paid taxes for over five years but the government was adamant that no financial support would be given to those on temporary visas.

David decided to lobby the government for Centrelink for this cohort but it was a friend of mine that called to say she'd like to give food to asylum seekers who had lost their jobs – and so the *COVID Food Project* began!

This project started in March 2020 and ended in February 2021. My friend along with Libby Hogarth, helped to buy and deliver food for a few weeks until their work started again. Sixty volunteers came forward who continued to keep the project going for 11 months – it wouldn't have worked without them!

Lots of food was donated and a special thank-you is extended to Coromandel Uniting Church who brought a car full of groceries and four large tubs of pears every week! A big thank-you also to St John's Anglican Church in Salisbury for generously lending their historical Chapel to us for our sole use for 10 months for free!

What made our project unique was that we catered for the recipients' cultural food needs and, to make it COVID-safe, we delivered to their houses – the length and breadth of Adelaide!

Every Saturday, the rostered volunteer drivers would arrive at the Salisbury base and load up with boxes of food then head out to designated homes – from Morphett Vale to Virginia, Port Adelaide to Modbury.

Gradually numbers rose from the initial 14 to eventually feeding 63 households - averaging 150 people a week. We also supplied other essentials such as medications, mobile phone recharges, personal hygiene products and household cleansers.

Each week we were spending \$2,000-\$3,000. I generated \$18,000 from trusts and grants and, as word spread, I received over \$42,000 in personal donations and Libby also worked on obtaining donations - so many generous individuals who kept this project going with their kindness! Red Cross reimbursed over \$51,000 from July onwards – which was a huge help!

During the 11 months we fed, on average, 150 people every week (including children) and overall we provided approximately 7,500 people with food for almost a year.

The recipients voiced great appreciation and it was also a learning curve for many of the volunteers as they heard the stories of the people they delivered food to and learned what asylum seekers' struggles are really like!

It is heart-warming to see how many churches, community groups, family trusts and individuals pulled together to help this vulnerable group of people in our community. Let's remember there are still hundreds of refugees and asylum seekers in South Australia struggling to survive. Please hold them in your prayers and continue to support them!





Contemplation and Prayer: A Reflection

by Wayne Colebatch

Newland Memorial Uniting (Congregational) Church at Victor Harbor was conscious of how the wider community was missing a sense of gathering as a community especially during last year's COVID restrictions.

The church is fortunate to have seating capacity for 500 people (albeit reduced also due to COVID regulations) which allowed it to open when most small churches and other venues were required to close. Newland church is also fortunate to have a fine pipe organ and a grand piano recently presented by a generous Adelaide benefactor.

During COVID, many in the wider community were not finding 'virtual' services offered by various 'closed' churches to be completely satisfying. As an innovative

service to the community, Newland decided to have a weekly 'reflection' time for one hour each Thursday morning from 10-11 am. This was a time when the church would be open for contemplation and prayer with the organ and piano playing meditative music. It was welcoming to see the church open its doors during this generally bleak time of COVID austerity.

Since then, the initiative has continued and evolved with attendance representing several local denominations, various other members of the community, civic leaders and tourists on a 'come when you can, leave when you must' basis.

It is of interest that many local residents have attended to inspect the beautiful church and to hear the pipe organ for the first time despite their long residency in Victor Harbor. They have been impressed by the organ's capacity and its enveloping aural beauty within such a large building.

A roster of organists comprising Wayne Colebatch (Newland), Trevor Fletcher (Malvern Uniting Church) Roger Moulton (Newland) and Milton Smith (Anglican, Victor Harbor) ensure that the selection of meditative music has variety and refreshment.

It is encouraging to know that the contemplative organ music is being shared with the wider community in a non-threatening and reasonably unstructured way. It is now almost 12 months since this initiative commenced and has highlighted through COVID that there is a niche that is hungry for such an open and ecumenical contemplative experience.

The iconic Newland Church is fortunate to have a high profile location, intriguing architecture and an outstanding acoustic which is appreciated by locals and tourists alike.

What an opportunity 'reflections' has been for the church doors to be open and the pipe organ playing on Thursday mornings to 'brush the dust from the soul!'

Loving Our Neighbours

by Helen Rodwell

In October 2020, the Prospect Road Uniting Church congregation was challenged by the call from the Moderator Bronte Wilson to help support refugees and asylum seekers. The refugees were previously in Community Detention and had been released into the community without any government financial support.

The most critical need was money – for rent, prescriptions, bills and other every-day needs that most of us would take for granted. The congregation took this request to their hearts, and following a Church Council pledge of \$1,000, they

made the decision to hold a fortnightly retiring offering to financially support these refugees and asylum seekers, through *Circle of Friends*.

Prospect Road UC is a small congregation, with between 30 - 35 regular attendees at church each Sunday. Coming out of the COVID-19 lockdown, they saw the Moderator's call as a critically important opportunity to love their neighbours. And so they answered the call, and continue to do so. Since November 2020, their small congregation has raised more than \$6,500 for these families.

“We continue to pray for all refugees and asylum seekers, that they may receive justice and peace. We thank God that we are able to provide regular support to them through our offerings every fortnight.”





Engaging with cross-cultural & interfaith neighbours at the table

by Rev Paul Goh

Ramadan Kareem

*A night of food, thought and laughter
The celebration that follows after
Ramadan fasting and contemplation
Hence the welcome invitation.*

*A time of gathering up friends new and old
Hospitality like this is spiritual gold.*

*We chatted then dined on a delicious meal
Followed by Nuru-deen's unity message, so real.*

*Farhan's powerful singing and music sublime
Ended this wonderful evening time.*

These rhyming verses were composed by Christine Adams, a member of the Para Hills Uniting Church after she attended an Iftar dinner, the traditional Islamic breaking of the fast meal held at sundown during the period of Ramadan.



‘It was a night of joy with memorable hospitality, a message to contemplate and a meal to savour,’ said Christine.

Co-hosted by the Multicultural Youth Education Support Services (McYess Ltd), and the Para Hills and Para Vista Uniting Churches; the 2021 Friendship and Dialogue Iftar was held on Friday May 7th at the Para Hills Community Hub and was joined by more than one hundred Christians and Muslims.

The aim of the event was to foster deeper understanding among peoples from diverse backgrounds; to explore intercultural and interfaith dialogue in our society; and build bridges between people and communities.

For Muslims, Ramadan is a month of unity, inclusiveness, belonging, giving, reflection and compassion, and what makes Ramadan special to many is the emphasis on being together with the wider community. Those fasting break their fast in the company of not only their family and friends, but also with people they have not met before. It is an ideal time to come together and to learn about each other’s culture and beliefs to promote harmony and create respectful and peaceful communities.

‘In a spirit of friendship, solidarity and breaking down cultural and religious barriers for a better world, I think it is a great opportunity for individuals to engage first-hand in cultural exchange and dialogue and to meet over an Iftar meal,’ said Dr M Aslan, McYess Ltd’s Community Engagement Manager. In his welcome speech, Dr Aslan stated that love, peace and tolerance can triumph over fear, racism and prejudice quoting a great Turkish-Muslim scholar, Mr Fethullah Gulen:

‘Only a few people seem to realise that social harmony and peace with nature,

between people, and within the individual, can only come about when the material and spiritual realms are reconciled. Only those who overflow with love will build the happy and enlightened world of the future.’

Australia is one of the most multicultural nations in the world, with twice as many residents born overseas as the United Kingdom or the United States of America. The diversity of cultures is likely to continue growing with almost two thirds of Australia’s population growth coming from overseas migration.

As a result of shifting migration patterns there has been an increase in Australia’s religious diversity, despite the overall decline in religious affiliation. According to the 2016 Census, there are now more Muslims than Presbyterians. In South Australia, there are approximately more than 30,000 Muslims, who have come from over 70 countries all around the world. There are more Buddhists and Hindus than Baptists or Lutherans and more Sikhs than Jews. The religious landscape is most definitely changing, away from a predominantly white, Christian society, to a much more multicultural, multi-faith and non-religious one.

For Christians, the Iftar event creates an opportunity to connect with local communities and to build relationship and friendship with our intercultural and interfaith neighbours. As Christians, we believe diversity is a part of God’s creation. Our faith in Christ calls us to live and witness cross-culturally together in peace and love and to engage in genuine dialogue with our neighbours.

‘For me faith makes most sense when it brings us together at the table. At the table we discover a hunger greater and deeper

than our bellies! As faith communities we ought to be gift-giving communities, and this is exactly what we all experienced at the recent Iftar gathering - the gift of being together in ways we don’t always get to; the gift of conversation and the opportunity to learn new things; the extraordinary gifts of hospitality and music; and the sacred gift of friendship,’ said Rev Jesse Size, Minister at Para Hills Uniting Church.

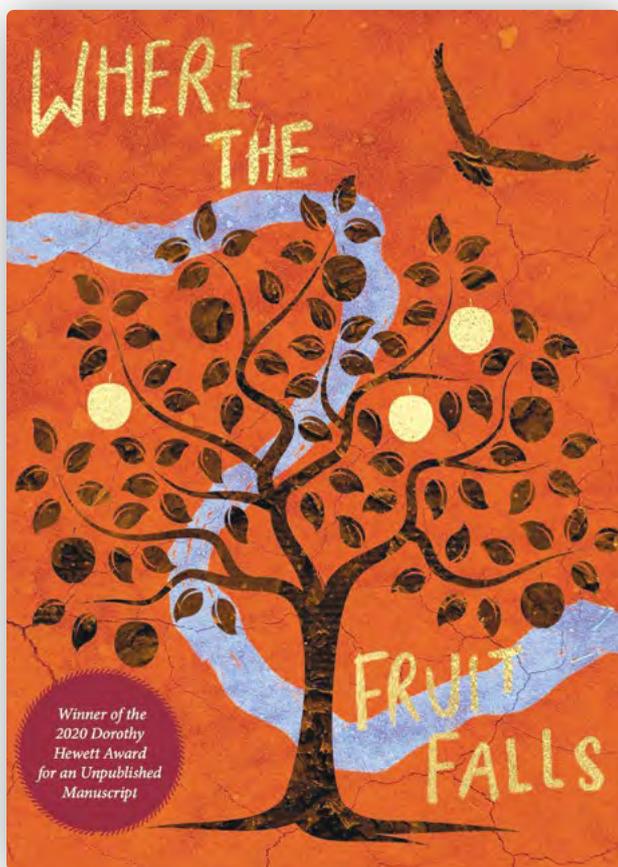
‘We loved the evening. The food, music and shared wisdom was very nurturing. We cherished the opportunity to receive the friendship and hospitality of a culture and faith tradition different to our own,’ said Lyn and Rev Dr Trevor Whitney.

‘I can’t say enough about the joy that Farhan’s troupe and his glorious singing brought to the occasion. I found something healing and meaningful in the beauty and energy of the troupe’s musical gift to us all,’ said Rev Lyn Leane, Minister at Para Vista Uniting Church.

In a book titled ‘Living on Stolen Land’, an Aboriginal author, Ambelin Kwaymullina shares her simple but profound poem: ‘The places where different worlds meet can be places of connection enrichment and transformation.’

‘Ramadan Kareem’ is the Arabic greeting phrase which means to have a blessed Ramadan or Happy Ramadan.

The meaning of Ramadan Kareem is ‘may Ramadan be generous to you!’



Karen Wyld, 'Where the Fruit Falls'

by Rev Alison Whish

Karen Wyld lives on the coast south of Adelaide. Her grandmother's country is in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, so she is of Martu descent. The central character of this novel that explores magic realism, is Brigid Devlin, a young Aboriginal woman and her twin daughters as they lead the somewhat itinerant life through Australia of the 1960s and 70s, that circumstances push them into living.

For non-Indigenous people this novel provides an excellent insight into the impacts of racism and the fear of having children removed from your care, that shaped and continues to shape the lives of Australians with darker skins, Indigenous or not. Through the literary device of the different skin tones of her twins, the story reveals the different treatment that even members of the same family can receive.

A contemporary novel that is well worth the read. It will also help you step into the lives of other Australians and help those of us who sometimes don't see our own privilege, why life is considerably more fraught for some of our neighbours.

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William Loader, 'What Can Love Hope For?'

by Rev Philip Gardner

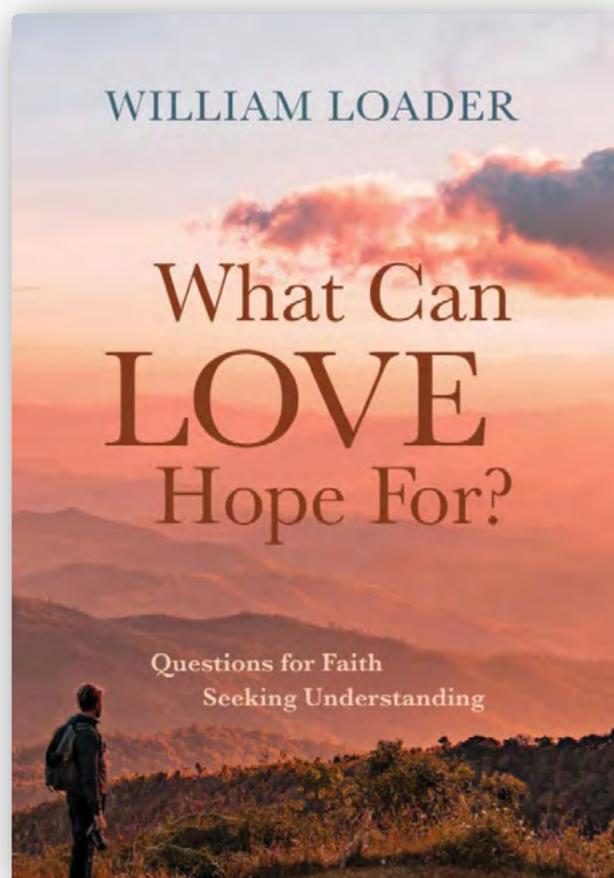
A number of readers will be familiar with New Testament scholar Bill Loader from his popular online commentary on the lectionary readings. In this book published in 2020, Professor Loader examines faith and discipleship under the headings of faith, hope and love. The first three chapters look at Jesus and God, the second three examine questions about what it means to follow Jesus, and the final chapters deal with the relationship of love and law, and therefore some contemporary controversies related to these matters. All this is done with clear prose aimed at the general reader. As such it is very readable.

Another strength of the book is Professor Loader's attempts to introduce the general reader to contemporary Biblical scholarship. He often shines new light on old arguments by referring to developments in scholarship, especially the ways that New Testament scholarship has been deepened by insights from history, anthropology and sociology. In writing for a general reader Professor Loader understandably skates over more technical material and debates, but occasionally if you are familiar with some of these debates, you may be a tad frustrated.

The book concludes with an autobiographical note in which Professor Loader describes his pilgrimage from enthusiastic teenage fire and brimstone evangelist for Youth for Christ in his native New Zealand to respected New Testament scholar, living in Perth and a Uniting Church Minister. This chapter is really enjoyable.

I think that this book will be most helpful with those who are longing for a fresh look at the Christian faith. I doubt whether many will agree with everything that is written in this book, but that is not the point of the book, rather it is meant to be a conversation partner in helping readers explore following Jesus in a contemporary world. If you are looking for such a partner, noting that he is not afraid of telling you where his scholarship has led him on some of the controversial issues of our day, this may be a helpful read. For some it will be a great gift.

“... a conversation partner in helping readers explore following Jesus in a contemporary world.”



Covenanting Matters

by Ian Dempster

Congress Regional Council – meets in Port Augusta

On the second weekend in May the SA Congress Regional Council met in Port Augusta. After the busyness of meeting on a Saturday a joyful celebratory worship service was conducted on the Sunday morning, which included members of the Port Augusta Uniting Church, as well as special guests: Moderator Bronte Wilson, General Secretary Felicity Amery and husband Howard Amery a former Congress Staff member of the Northern Synod.

Rev Dr Denise Champion spoke about her childhood days growing up in the Quorn Uniting Church and Sunday school. Later on she became the pastor for a twelve-month period to some of her former Sunday school teachers who were now aged in their eighties and nineties!

Denise also shared the importance of the Port Augusta Uniting Church that embraced her family in the early 1990s, and her eventual role as a part-time pastoral assistant in the parish, where she was mentored by Rev Rod James. This happened prior to the formation of the Congress community.

During the service Congress State Development Officer and Interim National Chair, Rev Mark Kickett interviewed Denise. Key highlights included:

- The importance of future generations knowing and passing on the stories, both Biblical and cultural (Psalm 78)
- Walking on Country events on Adnyamathanha country in the Flinders Ranges
- The recognition of Denise's work, through her honorary doctorate obtained last November
- The release of Denise's new book 'Anaditj' (which means, 'Always was, always will be') in February of this year, following the success of her first publication, 'Yarta Wandatha' in 2014
- Her new position as Theologian in Residence with the Uniting College, which will include working with the Centre for Aboriginal Spirituality.

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It was a wonderful celebration capped off by communion led by Pastor John Saulo, in which John shared the word from Romans: 1:16-17

As Denise will continue to live in Port Augusta the Congress worship service on the Sunday morning was seen more as a 'Completion of Placement' ceremony rather than the usual 'Cutting of Ties' service when a placement ends.

The morning worship was blessed by some great music and singing from the local congregation, Pacific Islander members and Anangu singers from the Congress congregation in Adelaide.

'It was a wonderful celebration capped off by communion led by Pastor John Saulo, in which John shared the word from Romans: 1:16-17,' said Mark Kickett.

Port Augusta Congress congregation will continue to be served in ministry by Pastor John Saulo and Wanita Calyun. John looks after the needs of the church and works on outreach activities including regular worship at Lakeview; while Wanita works in youth and children's ministry. This includes programs on the beach in the school holidays, and work with the Dusty Feet Dance group.

What is Covenanting?

In 1994, the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) formally entered into a Covenant with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC). On behalf of the Second Peoples of the UCA, the UCA 7th President Dr Jill Tabart read a statement acknowledging past wrongs and making a new commitment to engagement and partnership. On behalf of First Peoples of the UAICC, Congress Chairperson Pastor Bill Hollingsworth responded acknowledging past pain and looking to the future with hope for reconciliation between First and Second Peoples. The covenant calls Christians to carry out faithfully Christ's command to love one another and to order our life in the church in truth and justice. Covenanting remains integral to both the UCA and UAICC. We are all encouraged to engage with Covenanting by developing mutually respectful relationships between First and Second Peoples.

Turlatina Wirra - Peaceful Garden

Christ Church Uniting Church, Wayville

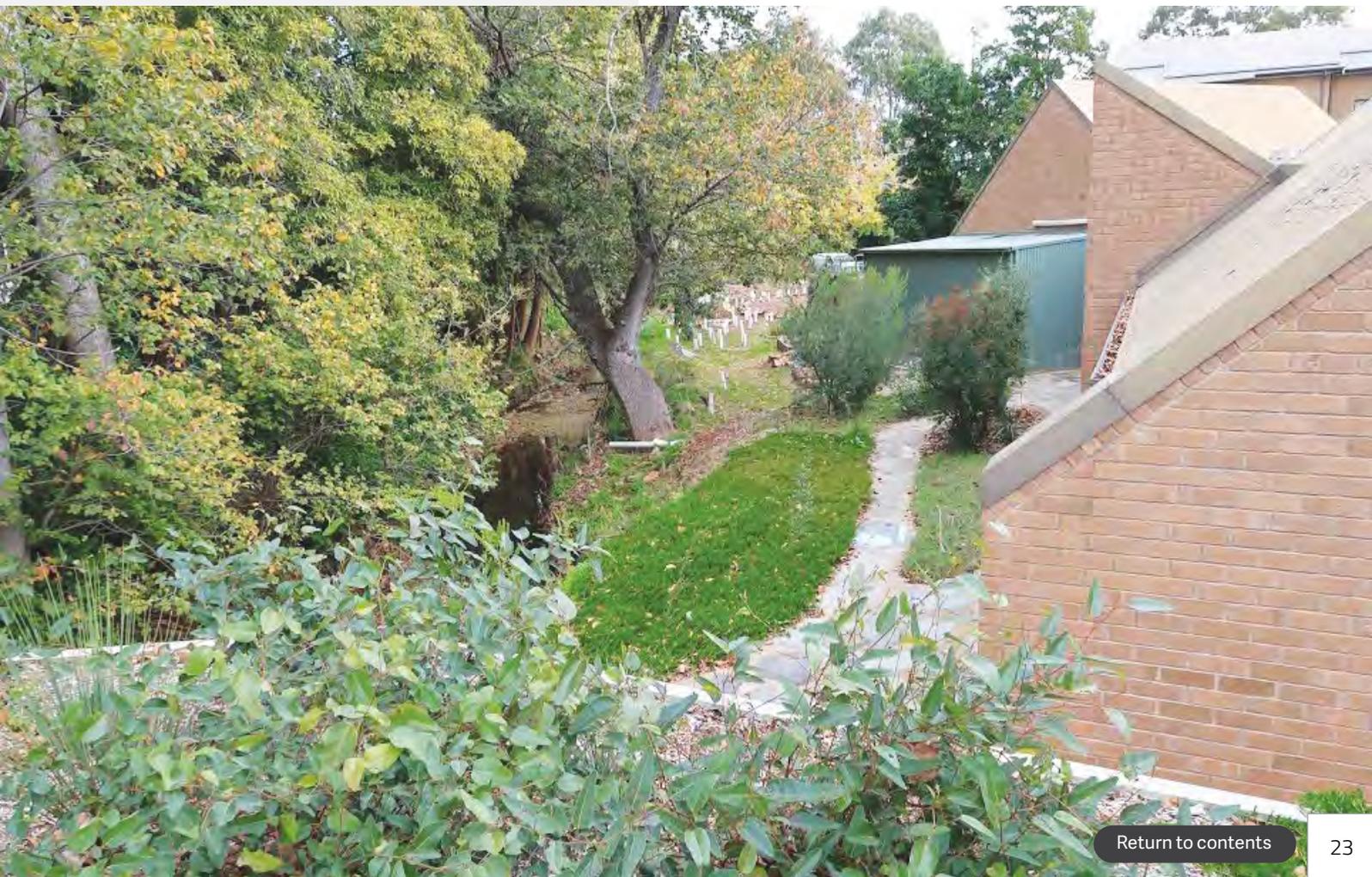
Turlatina Wirra and the church is on the bank of the Parklands Creek in Kurna Country.

The opportunity for creative renewal of the church garden arose out of a flash-flood in the winter of 2016, causing extensive damage to the garden and to the church itself. This destruction sparked a vision to heal the community's relationship with the creek, the land and the traditional owners.

Kurna Warra Karrpanthi is the leading group dedicated to Kurna language revitalisation. In April 2021, *Kurna Warra Karrpanthi* named the garden *Turlatina Wirra - Peaceful Garden*. The garden was dedicated on Reconciliation Sunday in May.

Turlatina Wirra is:

- A place for community to find peace, healing and harmony
- A creek habitat garden to provide a wildlife corridor from source to sea
- A sustainable garden to promote biodiversity and conservation.



Oodnadatta Winter Appeal

What we take for granted is what they cherish

The Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress would like to engage Uniting Church congregations to dig deep and support our Oodnadatta community. Oodnadatta is a remote community located 873 kilometres north of Adelaide. Due to the distance, obtaining essential winter provisions can prove very difficult. Help is needed with donations to purchase blankets to keep the community warm.

Donation information

UAICC Oodnadatta Ministry

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Account No: 202355

Reference: Winter Appeal

Walking on Country 2021

Walking on Country has been an initiative of the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology since 2013. It is a 3-4 day immersive, educational and spiritual experience of Indigenous culture, history, politics and contemporary lifestyle, for candidates, students and ministry agents of the UCA. There is an opportunity to also undertake the unit 'Towards Reconciliation' for credit at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The aims are:

- To learn about the cultural, historical and contemporary life of an Indigenous community
- To explore 'decolonisation' of their colonised thinking and relationships

- To develop conceptual, emotional and spiritual foundations for covenanting and friendships with Indigenous communities and the UAICC
- To commit to a journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Australians, and to the vision for Covenanting in the Uniting Church.

This year participants will walk on Adnyamathanha country in the Flinders Ranges, under the guidance of Rev Dr Auntie Denise Champion and Rhane Lester. The program consists of preparatory reading, the immersion experience, and discussion of some form of post-trip action to continue the relationships begun with Indigenous people, and to express learnings gained from the experience.

Uluru Statement from the Heart

On behalf of the Uniting Church Synod of South Australia, in April a submission was made to the co-design process to decide what an Indigenous voice to all levels of government will look like. The submission was signed by Bronte Wilson (Moderator), Robert Taylor (UAICC South Australia Regional Council Chairperson), Lyn Leane (Covenanting Committee Co-Chairperson) and Tarlee Leondaris (Covenanting and International Mission Officer). The submission read:

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The Uniting Church Synod of South Australia strongly affirms the invitation to all Australians contained in the Uluru Statement from the Heart to hear, recognise and respect the First Peoples of this country. Only by enabling and empowering First Peoples towards active, equitable and respectful participation in shaping the future of Australia can the opportunity for them to take their true place in the nation be realised. For that, First Peoples need a voice.

A long-standing covenant proudly exists between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC). The covenant calls Christians to carry out faithfully Christ's command to love one another and to order our life in the church in truth and justice. We firmly believe fulfilling this command relies on truly hearing the voices of First Peoples. Therefore, enabling the Voice of First Peoples to be heard must be made a national priority.

To this end, we advocate for the Voice to Parliament at both federal and state levels. A First Nations Voice would both recognise First Peoples unique place in Australia's history and identity. Likewise, it would assist toward a more just response to the historic suppression of First Peoples participation in key aspects of Australia's life and governance. Importantly, membership selection of the National Voice must include previously unheard or overlooked Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples alongside established First Peoples leaders.

Hence, after establishing a model for the Voice, we would urge the Government to honour its election commitment to a referendum, and for the appropriate legislation that enables the introduction of the voice to follow soon after in a new term of Parliament.

Theologian in Residence

Uniting College, together with the Centre for Aboriginal Spirituality, is delighted that Rev Dr Auntie Denise Champion has been appointed as Theologian in Residence, and commenced in May. This is a fractional faculty appointment (0.4FTE) and supports a two-year period to focus on her theological vision and work. As the Theologian in Residence she will participate in the life of the College – both formally and informally. This will deepen the College community's engagement in covenanting and will help to transform what it means to know God and to follow Jesus on Aboriginal land.

With the support of the Principal, faculty and resources of UCLT, the Theologian in Residence will be engaged in the following activities:

- Develop and conduct a personal program of study and research into Aboriginal spirituality, wisdom and history
- Consult with First Nations theologians within Australia and internationally
- Produce works of Christian theology from an Aboriginal perspective (such as books, articles or art-work, spoken work delivered as lectures, videos or podcasts, or collaborative work such as dialogues, workshops or *Walking on Country*)
- Participate in the life of UCLT as a member of the faculty
- Liaise with the UAICC regional and national councils, and with the Centre for Aboriginal Spirituality.



Unity Op-Shop donates \$7,400

to Mwandi Orphans and
Vulnerable Children

by Leonie Dixon-Thompson



This year a very generous donation of \$7,400 was given to the Mwandl OVC Project Support Team to enable the purchase of replacement kitchen equipment (6 Burner Gas Cooker; 3 Range Electric Cooker and Oil Jacketed Pots 380v) at the OVC Project Centre in Mwandl in Zambia.

The Unity Op-Shop, located in Port Lincoln, owes its success to the team of local dedicated men and women (40 volunteers and 6 managers) who work on rosters to ensure that the shop runs smoothly, and that only good quality items are offered for sale at low prices. Time is always found to share a cuppa with customers.

Dedicated Volunteers also perform administration and bookkeeping tasks for

the shop with funds raised going towards the church and community – locally, nationally and internationally.

The Unity Op-Shop has been a generous financial supporter of the Mwandl OVC Project since 2007, by donating funds towards education sponsorship for primary and high school students; and more recently sponsoring university students to graduate with degrees.

In 2021 the Op-Shop is supporting three boys and three girls in grades 4 and 5, and one girl who is tackling year 10 at the High School. Most of the children also rely on nutritional support from the OVC Project. Past donations have supported vocational training in sewing and carpentry.

At present approximately 150 children and carers are being fed daily at the centre. Due to Zambian Government strict rulings and protocols for COVID, the children must wear masks when they visit the OVC Centre to collect their lunches and they are rostered to arrive at set times to do so, and they eat outside, safely distanced, on reed mats.

In Zambia there are large numbers of patients with COVID, and there have been many deaths as a result. Owing to Mwandl Village being extremely isolated and to good management by the Consistory (local government) they have avoided deaths from COVID so far.



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Local identity, Fiona Dixon-Thompson AM, built a drop-in centre for orphaned and vulnerable children who needed feeding, health checks and love, owing to the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the remote village of Mwandl.

Fundraising efforts for support of the Mwandl UCZ OVC Project commenced in a small way in 2005. The dedicated support team worked under the umbrella of the Uniting Church in Port Lincoln. In 2015 the support team became incorporated and now has committee members from other States of Australia with monthly meetings conducted via Zoom.

Several members of the Mwandl OVC Project Support Team also accept public speaking engagements to help publicise the work in Zambia. Newsletters are also published and distributed via email and post from the Support Team based in Australia.

Many volunteers from Australia have travelled to Mwandl to use their various skills and abilities to assist the OVC Project: teachers, physiotherapists, nurses, doctors, farmers, agronomists, high school students, special needs teachers, speech pathologists, builders, musicians and men and women who are able to give practical everyday help where needed.

Because people need Jesus

Generate Conference 2021

On May 21st and 22nd the Generate Presbytery gathered at Hope Valley for its conference. It was an exciting time of ministry, praying for each other, worship, sharing stories and being together.

The theme of the conference was 'Because people need Jesus.' It echoed the heartbeat of Generate which is to see people come to faith, grow as disciples, raise courageous leaders and see churches planted and renewed. Attendees in person and online were encouraged to think about how they share their faith and how they can build a culture of evangelism in their congregations.

Around the venue old doors displayed stories of people who have recently come to faith in congregations throughout the presbytery. Each one telling the story of a life changed by Jesus.

The keynote speaker was Melinda Dwight who is the National Director for Alpha Australia. She inspired attendees to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit as they engage with people in their everyday. That a moment of praying with someone, blessing them or having a faith conversation can be a link in their journey towards Jesus.

Masterclasses in the afternoon explored building healthy teams, preaching, starting a kids and youth ministry from scratch, engaging with digital media, and creating a culture of evangelism in your church.

On Friday Pastors from across Generate gathered for lunch in the beautiful Adelaide Hills. It was 14 months since they were able to come together in person – an exciting time of reconnection, laughter and food.

On Saturday some of the emerging female ministry leaders and pastors shared breakfast and a Q&A session with Melinda.

Each session is still available on the Generate Facebook page and the messages will soon be available on the Generate Website.

generate.ucasa.org.au



Gary, a friendly face for South Australian's doing it tough

Frontier Services Bush Chaplain, Pastor Gary Ferguson is among two other incredible Bush Chaplains in the South Australian region. Bush Chaplains do incredible work with rural and remote communities and Gary has been an equally incredible soul as he continues to support farmers facing hardship.

In the midst of this hardship, including a mental health crisis, isolation and loneliness, you will find Gary anywhere between a fishing dock to a shearing shed, lending a kind, helping hand to those who need it the most.

Gary spends time with those in rural and remote areas in South Australia and offers support on a practical, pastoral and spiritual level. In particular, he works with individuals who have experienced PTSD, substance and alcohol abuse and works closely with men's mental health issues.

Aside from the Bush Chaplaincy network run by Frontier Services, Frontier Services also runs a volunteer program called Outback Links which operates nation-wide. The Outback Links program offers practical support through volunteers whose skill-sets match with the desired jobs of those doing it tough and who need help and assistance on the land.

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There is something very remarkable about people like Gary who is one of the many people who dedicate themselves to helping others. It means Frontier Services can deliver much more than physical contributions, they can deliver hope, laughter, inspiration and warmth just by showing up and letting our rural and remote friends know, someone cares!

Frontier Services thanks its incredible supporters for allowing them to continue to operate the Bush Chaplaincy network and their volunteer programs. It means that they can continue to have people like Gary in remote areas showing up to the gate, when no-one else does.

Showing up on any given day could mean they could just save a life.





Realisations and Reflections

Stories of transformation by members of Pilgrim Uniting Church engaging with Australia's First Peoples

Pilgrim Uniting Church has just published a new book, 'Realisations and Reflections: Stories of transformation by members of Pilgrim Uniting Church engaging with Australia's First Peoples'

Launched on Reconciliation Sunday, 30th May, as part of their 9.30am service. The project began after the 'Day of Mourning' service in January of this year. The Uniting Church in Australia initiated the Day of Mourning in association with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) as an expression of solidarity with Australia's First Peoples, particularly in the context of current debates about the celebration of Australia Day on 26th January each year.

During the 9.30am service at Pilgrim Church, people gathered in small groups to share their experiences about moments in their lives when they became more aware of the lives of Aboriginal people. The diversity and spiritual depth of stories shared was profound. As a result, people were invited to share their stories in written form with the hope of capturing those moments of deep self-disclosure, and to self-publish them as a book of stories.

Geoff Boyce has edited the stories in the book. Profits from the sale of the book will be directed to Covenanting projects with Aboriginal people. Copies are available on [lulu.com](https://www.lulu.com) or via the Pilgrim office, office@pilgrim.org.au, (08) 8212 3295 (\$20 plus postage).



Symposium and Workshop

Rev Dr Chris Budden has been invited as guest speaker at a symposium on Friday evening, 2nd July. Chris has a long interest in relationships with First Nations people, and a commitment to more just ways on being the church in this country. Along with a panel, he will discuss Sovereignty and the Statement from the Heart. The venue is Pilgrim Uniting Church.

On Saturday 3rd July, Chris and Indigenous leaders will lead a workshop at the Uniting College. This will be a wonderful time of learning and engaging in meaningful dialogue to deepen understanding of why Indigenous Sovereignty should matter to Christians, and to engage with the Statement from the Heart, and to be guided in the practical steps to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan.

More information (and registration) on the Pilgrim website [pilgrim.org.au](https://www.pilgrim.org.au)

NAIDOC Week Ecumenical Service July 4th

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held from 4-11 July 2021 and will begin with an ecumenical service on July 4th, led and coordinated by Aboriginal people. All welcome to be part of this inspiring service, to be held at Pilgrim Uniting Church.

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**This month every congregation
will be invited to complete the annual**
Safe Church Audit



The audit seeks to measure how each congregation is working towards compliance of **S.T.A.R** points:

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- S**creening of all appointed leaders
 - T**raining: participating in regular safe church training
 - A**dapt, adopt, and announce policies and posters
 - R**espond to audit

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A Safe Church for all People

Safe Church promotes and assists the Uniting Church community to ensure a safe physical, emotional and spiritual environment for all.

